



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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The Planning Committee to review proposed changes to the Agency's Bylaws and consider recommendations to the Agency's Board of Directors.(Staff Presenting:Ara Azhderian)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Planning Committee:

Consider proposed changes to the Agency's Bylaws and consider recommendations to the Agency's Board of Directors.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On October 1, 2025, the Planning Committee considered proposed changes to the Agency's Bylaws and the potential development of a governance guidance policies manual. The Planning Committee requested staff prioritize proposed changes to the Bylaws that could affect the term of service of the Agency's Board of Directors Chair and Vice-Chair and the potential combining of Agency Committees to improve administrative efficiency and awareness of the Agency's actions, then follow with the development of the governance manual. Staff presented the proposed Bylaws changes in red-line to the Board of Directors on October 20, 2025 - see attached Board Report.

The two primary areas of interest were the proposed change in term for the Chair and Vice-Chair from two-years to one and the combining of committees: the Finance and Personnel & Administrations Committees into a Finance & Administration Committee and the combining of the Basin Management Advisory Committee with the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee into a Water Resources Advisory Committee. With respect to terms, the majority opinion of the Directors was to maintain the two-year term. With respect to combining, the Directors were in majority favor of creating the Finance & Administration Committee and the Water Resources Advisory Committee, though with the latter questioned the composition, i.e. how many members should the new committee maintain. The Directors reviewed a table comparing composition of the committees and questioned whether 15 should be seated at the new, combined committee rather than the proposed 13 - see attached.

The Directors requested staff take the matter and other proposed changes back to the Planning Committee for further consideration.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The proposed Bylaws revisions align with the adopted Strategic Plan Goal B, Strategy 7; Goal D,

Strategies 3 & 5; and Goal E, Strategies 1 & 4.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Planning Committee

Board of Directors

FINANCING:

Revising the Bylaws has no fiscal impact on the 2025-26 fiscal-year adopted budget.

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Attachments:

1. October 20, 2025, Board Report RE Proposed Changes to Bylaws
2. October 20, 2025, WRA Committees Comparison
3. Proposed Amendments to WRA Bylaws - October 2025 BOD redline